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1. The amendment preliminary amendment filed May 10, 2002 in Paper No. 3 is acknowledged and has been entered. However, the amendment to the specification to remove Figures 10 through 12 from the specification is non-responsive because no explanation for removal of the drawings from the specification has been given and therefore, such an amendment to the specification constitutes an issue of new matter under 35 U.S.C. 132 and 37 CFR 1.121. Applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD OF ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, to respond to this communication to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

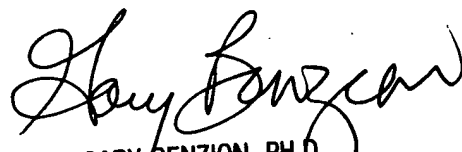
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